by the transmitter at Ahmedabad. This position has been explained repeatedly to the Chief Minister of Gujarat as well as other important personalities from the State. The local officers of Doordarshan have also tried to explain this to the viewers Iaxliar started by the transmitter at Pij, including the small group of people who have rsoerted to agiagitation consequent on he closing down of the waid transmitter.

Vamsadhara Project and Sri Sailam Left Bank Canal

*277. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has urged the Central Government to clear Polavaram, Vamsadhara and Srisailam left bank canal Projects;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action the Central Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The State Government have been requesting early clearance to Polavaram Project and Vamsadhara Project State-II The Project Report of Srisailam Left Bank Canal has been received in February, 1985.

The Polavaram Project with left and right bank canals envisages annual irrigation of 4.37 lakh hectares, the transfer of 80 TMC of Godavari waters to Krishna, hydel power generation and domestic & industrial water supply. The Vamsadhara Project envisages irrigation of about 43,000 hectares. The Srisailam left bank canal project envisages irrigation of 1.21 lakh hectares.

These three projects are at present under various stages of technical scrutiny in the Central Water Commission in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. They can be considered for clearance after their techno-economic feasibility is established and inter-State aspects resolved.

National Land Use Policy

*278. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Land Use Policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendations of the erstwhile National Land Resources Conservation and Development Commission, a Committee of Experts was set up by the Government in April, 1984. The Committee of Experts submitted its report in December, 1984 which was circulated to the concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments, State Land Use Boards and some Agricultural Universities and Institutions. The comments received from them were considered by the Committee of Experts and the report was suitably modified, wherever considered necessary. The main details of the draft outline of a National Land Use Policy prepared by the Committee of Experts are :—

(i) To enhance the aggregate return from land based production system and to manage land with twin objectives continuous increase in productivity and preventing land degradation.